or thereabout, who being first sworn on the Holy Evangles of Almighty God deposeth and saith that while this Deponent lived with old Richard Edelin about fifty a fifty two years ago, Sarah a mulatto woman came there and old Edelin told his wife Sal Butler had come to see her and this Deponent asked old Edelin how she came to be called Sal Butler and Edelin told him she was the Daughter of Irish Nell & would get Free if she applied for it — Richard Boarman was present at this conversation and he also said she was the Daughter of a white woman that belonged to his Father, and after the said time this Deponent knew Sarah very well, she lived with Wilfred Gardiner where he first knew her and afterwards with George Sligh, she worked in the House, and was treated like a Free woman. — Sarah had three Daughters and a son that this Deponent knew. Charles, Nell, Sarah and Monica. Sarah the younger had four sons — Jeremiah, Joseph and George who have petitioned for Freedom. Joseph & George agst Edmund Plowden and Jeremiah agst Richard Beary Miles — the said Petitioners appeared before this Deponent. and Charles who was sold to some body in the back woods. Nell had three Daughters and five Sons, towit, Monica, commonly called little Monica, Hopy & Sarah, Charles Anthony, Sam, Nace & Lew. Charles claimed by William Bond & Anthony claimed by Clement Gardiner who have petitioned for Freedom & appear before this Deponent. Little Monica had four sons, Robert, Stephen and Harry. Robert is claimed by Edmund Plowden, Stephen is claimed by Charles Carroll and Henry is claimed by William Chandler Brent, all of whom have petitioned for Freedom and now appear before this Deponent — and Charles who went away with the British during the war. Monica, the first named, had a Daughter named Sarah who is now living with the widow Roach; and is the mother of Thomas who has petitioned against William Henry Roach and now appears before this Deponent. This Deponent further saith he knows John Butler, he lived with deponents Father several years — he was always reputed to be the Grand son of Irish Nell & old Sarah was called his aunt — but this Deponent did not know John's mother — John has petitioned against Henry Hill, and he now appears before this Deponent. This Deponent saith that old Richd Edelin and Richd Boarman have (been

been dead several years. This Deponent saith he knows Thomas, he is the son of Hopy, and has petitioned agst Gerrard Bond and now appear before this Deponent, and further this Deponent saith not. — John Gardiner — Sworn to before Robt Bowden — 18th May 1789. — Taken by Consent this 18th May 1789. — J. Jos. Chase for Pett — J. A. Thomas for Defr.

Whereupon, all and singular the premises between the parties aforesaid by the Court here being seen, heard and fully understood, and mature deliberation thereupon had, for that it appears to the Court here, that the said Stephen Butler, the petitioner aforesaid, is entitled to his Freedom being a descendant of a Free white woman, as he by his Petition to the Court here hath alleged; Therefore it is considered by the Court here, that the said Stephen Butler the petitioner aforesaid be Free and discharged of and from the service of the said Charles Carroll, and that he the said Stephen Butler the petitioner aforesaid, go thereof without day and so forth. It is further considered by the Court here, that the said Stephen Butler the petitioner aforesaid, recover against the said Charles Carroll the quantity of Five thousand seven hundred and sixty four pounds of Tobacco by the Court here unto him the said Stephen Butler or his assent adjudged for his costs and charges by him about the prosecution of his Petition laid out and expended, and that he have thereof his Execution, and so forth. — Test

John Irvin Clk. —

Henny Butler against Charles Carroll.

Be it remembered that heretofore towit, on the Twenty first day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety; Henny Butler by Gabriel Duvall her attorney, preferred and filed in the General Court here, her Petition for Freedom against Charles Carroll, which is in form following towit. — To the Honorable the Judges of the General Court; The Petition of Henny Butler humbly sheweth that she is held as a slave by Charles Carroll of Washington County, altho' she is entitled unto her Freedom, being descended from a Free woman whose name was Eleanor Butler. Your Petitioner is the daughter of Sarah Butler who was the daughter of Sally Butler who was the daughter of Eleanor Butler aforesaid, a Free white woman. She therefore prays your honors to take her case into consideration, and discharge her from the custody of the said Charles Carroll, and that Summonses may issue for her witnesses and so forth. — G. Duvall for Pet.

Whereupon, the said Henny Butler by her attorney aforesaid, on the seventh